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Title: PROCESS FOR AMPLIFYING NUCLEIC ACIDS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 4, 2007, the response date being February 4, 2007. Applicants do not believe any fees are due; however, in the event this is not the case. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to an amplification method.

Please see the following listing of claims after this response to restriction, and amendments mandated by the restriction.

Amendments to the claims/listing of claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this response.